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TO: County Board of Commissioners
FROM: Lucas Dahling, Finance Director
SUBJECT: Statewide Excellence in Elections Award
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I am proud to announce that Micki Otto has received the statewide Excellence in Elections Award from the Office of the Secretary of State. She personally received this recognition from Steve Simon, Minnesota Secretary of State, at the recent County Election Administration Training Conference.

The award honors election workers for their outstanding service to the State of Minnesota. Awardees must meet the following criteria: election workers who demonstrate strong leadership, partnership across different departments or jurisdictions, dedication to the field and helping election workers thrive, innovation in building programs or resources, or other achievements of note. Recipients of the award are nominated by their peers. This is only the second year in which the awards have been given out, which highlights the prestigiousness of this honor.

Micki is Ms. Election. She coordinates and provides elections training, hires temporary election workers, ensures tabulators, PollPads, and OmniBallots are maintained and up to date on their software. During the election season, she stays late completing election tasks even when she hasn't been able to complete non-election duties that her job entails. She resolves election issues in a professional manner and creates all of our required county election documents.

She interprets, plans, and implements statutory and regulatory changes, which often includes coordination with the County Attorney, Sheriff, Emergency Management, Facilities Maintenance, Human Resources, and Information Technology teams on the County side as well as with the various city and township clerks and head judges throughout the County.

While elections are a team effort utilizing an all hands-on-deck approach, Micki goes the extra mile to ensure that Goodhue County's elections are administered in a safe, impartial, and efficient manner.

Congratulations Micki!

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